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'Galt' Immigration Letter Turned Over To FBI

[Washington Bureau of The Sun]

Washington, June 12—James Earl Ray, accused of murdering the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, asked a group here last December how to immigrate to Rhodesia, the group's director said today.

Letter To FBI

This led to speculation that Ray, who escaped from a Missouri prison fourteen months ago, was planning to hide in Rhodesia.

John Acord, director of the pro-Rhodesia American-South Africa Council, said the letter was turned over to the FBI, which refused to discuss the matter later today.

Mr. Acord said the letter was dated December 30 and was signed "Eric S. Galt," one of the aliases the FBI said Ray used. Other sources said the letter was postmarked North Hollywood, Cal. The FBI earlier said Ray was in that area during December, January and February.

Advised By Mail

Ray was advised by mail, Mr. Acord said, to write to the Rhodesia Information Service and the letter was forgotten until Ray was captured in London Saturday.

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U.S. Submit's Request For Ray's Extradition A-13

LONDON (AP)—A formal request for the extradition of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was handed to the British Foreign Office today by U.S. officials.

Stressing the urgency with which the United States regards the case, officials managed to collect the necessary documents a day ahead of their own deadline.

The documents run several hundred pages and contain information on Ray's identity and the cases against him—both in connection with King's murder and with Ray's escape from the Missouri State Prison while serving an armed robbery sentence.

Britain Must Rule

The Foreign Office now must certify that the request satisfies the terms of the extradition treaty with the United States. The Home Office then rules on the validity of the murder case under British as well as U.S. law. Then the file goes to a judge for a court hearing.

Extradition proceedings could last two months if the 40-year-old escaped convict fights all the way through the British courts.

The formal extradition request came as Scotland Yard delved into the mysteries of Ray's stay in Britain.

Ray has been traced to two London hotels between May 28 and his arrest Saturday, but there is an unexplained gap of about 10 days, starting May 17 when he left Lisbon.

Contacts Are Sought

While British police were trying to ascertain whether Ray had any contacts in London, detectives in Toronto were searching for a short blond man who reportedly came looking for Ray in a rooming house three or four days after the suspect flew to London.

The landlady, Mrs. Fela Szpakowski, told police about the caller, the second Ray reportedly had during his month-long stay in Toronto after King was killed April 4 in Memphis. The first was an unidentified fat man who was reported to have called on Ray at another rooming house.

Mrs. Szpakowski said the blond caller presented a police identification card, but both the Mounted Police and the Toronto police said he was not a policeman.

"I'd like to have known about this sooner," commented Royal Canadian Mounted Police Supt. C. R. Doey. "We'll have to see her again and explore this. It seems factual enough."

Willard in Toronto

Doey said John Willard, another of the aliases used by Ray, is the name of a man living in Toronto.

John Willard was the name given by a man in Memphis who rented a room with a vantage point on the Loraine Hotel, where King was slain while standing on a balcony.

Toronto's John Willard is a 42-year-old insurance appraiser.

Police have said Ray used the names of three other Torontonians: Ramon George Sneyd, a police constable; Paul Bridgman, a teaching consultant, and Eric Galt, a warehouse foreman.

None of the men knew each other and none knew his name was being used by Ray until he read it in the newspapers, police said.

May Have Sought Job

Toronto detectives also questioned Samuel Marshall, an assistant manager of a supermarket who claimed he saw a man resembling Ray in his store on April 23. Marshall reportedly told police the man asked for employment but left when the store manager approached.

Mrs. Sun Loo, Ray's other landlady, was reported to have found in his room after he left for London an empty overnight bag, six rolls of film, a photographic light meter, a small empty strongbox, a map of Toronto, three girlie magazines, three empty beer bottles and a dirty white shirt.

The Atlanta, Ga., Constitution, in a copyrighted article, said that an apartment manager in the Southern city's hippie district reported a man using the name Eric Starvo Galt stayed in his building for more than a week prior to the slaying of King.

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CHICAGO (UPI)--THE BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY BELIEVES RAY DID NOT SHOOT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., BUT "WAS USED" BY A "RICH SOUTHERN PARTY."

JERRY RAY, 32, SAID IN A LOCAL TELEVISION (WBKB-TV) INTERVIEW TUESDAY, "I DON'T THINK HE DID IT," REFERRING TO HIS BROTHER, NOW HELD IN ENGLAND AS THE PRIME SUSPECT IN THE APRIL 4 SHOOTING OF KING AT A MEMPHIS, TENN., MOTEL.

RAY SAID HIS BROTHER, WHO HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF PRISON, NEVER SHOT OR ASSAULTED ANYONE, NOT EVEN DURING THE ARMED ROBBERY FOR WHICH HE WAS SERVING 20 YEARS WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY LAST YEAR. HIS BROTHER WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN MONEY, RAY SAID.

"I THINK HE WAS USED," RAY SAID, ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT A "RICH SOUTHERN PARTY" HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF HIS BROTHER. ASKED ABOUT THE POLICE REPORT THAT HIS BROTHER'S FINGERPRINTS WERE ON THE ALLEGED MURDER WEAPON, RAY SAID, "THEY HAVE TO PROVE THE BULLET CAME FROM THE GUN."

RAY SAID HE HAD ONLY SEEN HIS BROTHER FOUR TIMES SINCE 1952, AND EACH OCCASION WAS A VISIT TO THE BROTHER IN PRISON. BUT HE SAID HIS BROTHER NEVER EXPRESSED HOSTILE FEELINGS TOWARD KING OR NEGROES, AND WAS A QUIET MAN WHO WOULDN'T BOTHER ANYONE.

EVEN IF HIS BROTHER IS CONVICTED, RAY SAID, HE WOULD NEVER REVEAL THE MURDERER'S NAME BECAUSE HE LEARNED IN PRISON NOT TO BE A "SQUEALER."

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Ray Is Transferred For Greater Security

LONDON, June 11 (AP) — James Earl Ray, the escaped convict accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was transferred today to Wandsworth Prison, where security has been tightened since one of Britain's Great Train Robbers fled over the walls four years ago.

American authorities, who last night obtained a provisional British warrant charging Ray with Dr. King's slaying, worked on plans to take Ray back to the United States as soon as extradition is granted.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said the Justice Department has received documents to buttress the U.S. request for Ray's return, and they "will be transmitted to London shortly."

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BY JOHN J. MEEHAN

LONDON (UPI)--FROM A WALKUP HOTEL IN PIMLICO TO A NEONLIT BAR IN PORTUGAL THE FBI AND SCOTLAND YARD TODAY TRIED TO UNCOVER THE MYSTERIOUS WEEKS IN THE LIFE OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN, SAT IN A WANDSWORTH PRISON CELL WITH TWO SILENT GUARDS AND AWAITED EXTRADITION TO STAND TRIAL IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN PIMLICO, A DISTRICT WHICH LIES NEXT TO THE GLITTERING LONDON WEST END BUT HAS NOT SEEN MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SINCE CHARLES DICKENS WROTE OF ITS PEST HOUSES, MRS. ANNA THOMAS TALKED OF THE BOARDER IN MAY WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RAY ON THE LOOSE.

"HE KEPT THE DOOR OF HIS ROOM LOCKED AT ALL TIMES AND WHEN I BROUGHT HIS BREAKFAST UP HE TOLD ME TO LEAVE IT OUTSIDE," THE HOTEL KEEPER SAID. BREAKFAST WAS PORRIDGE, A BIT OF TOAST, MARMALADE AND TEA. SAUSAGE IS EXTRA.

HER BOARDER PAID MRS. THOMAS $10.80 FOR THREE DAYS' STAY. HIS LUGGAGE WAS AN AIRLINE BAG. HE REFUSED TO SIGN THE SMUDGY REGISTER IN MRS. THOMAS' PA HOTEL.

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IN LISBON, WHERE POLICE SAID AN FBI AGENT WAS AT WORK ALONG WITH OTHER INVESTIGATORS, A PLUMP, RED-HAIRED BAR GIRL--"JUST CALL ME GLORIA"--REMEBERED THE FACE IN THE NEWSPAPER BUT NOT THE NAME.

GLORIA SAID SHE SHARED DRINKS WITH THE MAN IN THE GALO BAR. OTHER GIRLS IN OTHER BARS, SUCH AS THE VIENNA BAR AND THE DIANA BAR, REMEMBERED THE FACE. SO DID THE BARTENDERS WHOSE MEMORY WAS NOT OF JOY. A WAITER AT LISBON'S MAXIM BAR SAID THE INVESTIGATORS "TIP WELL--NOT LIKE THE MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED IN LONDON."

SCOTLAND YARD AND THE U.S. LAWYERS AND DIPLOMATS HERE WERE KEEPING MOSTLY SILENT ABOUT THEIR HUNT FOR THE MISSING DAYS IN RAY'S LIFE SINCE THE APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION IN MEMPHIS, TENN. THEY DO NOT WANT TO OFFEND BRITISH JUDGES.

THE JUDGES OF BRITAIN RULE HEAVILY AGAINST THOSE WHO TALK OUT OF COURT BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING. AND U.S. OFFICIALS WANTED NOTHING TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR DECLARED INTENTION OF GETTING RAY, 40, BACK TO AMERICA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A BRITISH DEPORTATION ORDER COULD COME ANYTIME. MORE LIKELY, A LEGAL FIGHT WITH HIS COURT-PROVIDED LAWYERS COULD STRETCH UNTIL AUGUST THE TIME BEFORE RAY IS BUNDLED ABOARD A NEW YORK-BOUND PLANE.

WHILE THE LAWYERS STUDIED THEIR BRIEFS, THE DETECTIVES SOUGHT TO LEARN EXACTLY WHAT RAY, WHO LAST YEAR ESCAPED FROM A MISSOURI PRISON WHILE SERVING A 20-YEAR TERM FOR BANK ROBBERY, WAS DOING IN THE LONDON AIRPORT WHEN ARRESTED SATURDAY.

SOME REPORTS SAID HE WAS EN ROUTE TO BRUSSELS. SOME SAID HE HAD BEEN IN LONDON MOST OF THE TIME. OTHER REPORTS SAID HE SPENT MUCH TIME IN LISBON, WITH GLORIA AND THE OTHER GIRLS. THE DETECTIVES APPEARED MOST INTERESTED IN HOW HE FINANCED HIS FLIGHT, WHO HIS CONTACTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

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LONDON (UPI)--THERE IS A CHANCE BRITAIN WILL SIMPLY ORDER THE DEPORTATION OF ACCUSED ASSASSIN JAMES EARL RAY AND AVOID A LONG EXTRADITION BATTLE IN THE COURTS, U.S. SOURCES SAID TODAY.

A RUSSIAN SPY SET THE PRECEDENT.

RAY, CHARGED WITH THE SNIPER KILLING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WAS IN A BRITISH PRISON TODAY WHILE OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WORKED OUT THE LEGAL MECHANICS FOR GETTING HIM TO TENNESSEE.

THE SITUATION IN SOME WAYS RESEMBLED THE CASE OF ROBERT SOBLEN, A LITHUANIAN-BORN PSYCHIATRIST CONVICTED AS A SOVIET SPY IN THE UNITED STATES.

SOBLEN WAS CONVICTED IN 1960 BUT HE JUMPED $100,000 APPEAL BOND IN 1962 AND FLED TO ISRAEL. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CHARGED HIM WITH USING A FALSE PASSPORT AND PUT HIM ON A PLANE FOR NEW YORK, BUT ON THE WAY HE SLASHED HIS WRIST AND ABDOMEN AND WAS TAKEN OFF IN LONDON FOR TREATMENT.

BRITAIN BYPASSED EXTRADITION AND SIMPLY ORDERED HIM DEPORTED. TWO COURTS UPHELD THE ORDER BUT BEFORE IT COULD BE CARRIED OUT SOBLEN DIED OF AN OVERDOSE OF DRUGS.

SOME LEGAL SOURCES, HOWEVER, SAID THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO CASES AND IN TODAY'S LEGAL CLIMATE THAT MIGHT AFFECT RAY'S CASE.

THEY SAID THE METHOD OF ENTERING BRITAIN DIFFERED IN THE TWO CASES--SOBLEN WAS IN NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT AND RAY ALLEGEDLY USED A FALSE PASSPORT.

THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT RECENT U.S. SUPREM COURT DECISIONS STRESSING THE RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS MAY BE CONSIDERED. THEY SAID SOME OFFICIALS FEARED THE BYPASSING OF EXTRADITION PROCEDURES MIGHT BE INTERPRETED LATER AS AN ABUSE OF THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS, AND WOULD HARM THE PROSECUTION OF THE CASE.

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Mexico Hunts Killer of King

MEMPHIS, (UPI) A7 — The search for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. extended to Mexico today.

Mexico City police were working with agents of the FBI to locate a man who obtained a permit to visit Mexico in Memphis the day before King was killed.

A drawing of a white man, about 6 feet tall, with dark hair, has been distributed to Mexican police and border crossing points were alerted.

Rolando Veloz, of the Mexican consulate in Memphis, told authorities he issued the visitor's permit last Wednesday to a man believed to be younger than the one in other descriptions of the sniper.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal reported today that conspirators may have faked a series of police radio calls to confuse authorities after King was shot. Federal authorities have rejected a conspiracy theory.

The paper said police radio reports of a car chase involving a white Mustang automobile apparently were faked.

Seven transmissions were heard over the Memphis police radio system about the chase shortly after King was slain, the paper said. The messages told of a speeding Mustang pursued by a blue Pontiac. The reports said shots were fired at the Pontiac from the Mustang.

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'Loner' Who Shot King Had Little Time to Act

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — The woman who rented him a flophouse room described him as a neatly dressed man with a silly smile. This is the man police and federal officials say stood in a slimy bathtub, rested his .30-06 rifle on a windowsill, and with a single shot snuffed out the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He probably is aged 26 to 32, and may have escaped in a white Mustang, police have said.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who was called in to help with the investigation, says "all evidence" points to him being a loner, and that authorities believe they have succeeded in identifying him by name.

The assassin had less than 24 hours to firm up his plan. It had been noted in local newspapers that King would be stopping at the Lorraine Hotel-Motel, where he was shot to death while strolling alone on the balcony of his room, but this information wasn't enough.

Killer Waits

The Lorraine is a large complex, and the killer had to wait until he could also learn which room King was staying in before formalizing his plan.

This, presumably, would have left the assassin hard-pressed for time to find a vantagepoint for his rifle. The most striking point is that the windows of the unnamed flophouse which face the Lorraine cannot be seen from the street. A view of them is blocked by a high wall and a growth of peachtrees.

Easily visible from the street, and highly likely sniper's posts against the Lorraine, are several other old hotels down South Main Street.

The angle of fire is no more difficult than the angle from the flophouse. But the flophouse windows are twice as close.

Crisp $20 Bill

The man police are seeking walked into the flophouse—nattily dressed—said he was John Willard and paid for his room for a week with a crisp $20 bill. The only trace he left was an impression on the mattress where he sat—perhaps for half an hour—probably looking out the window. Perhaps he decided he could get a better angle from the bathroom down the hall.

Police think he went into the bathroom and locked the door and failed to answer Willard's chutz when he pounded on it. To make the shot, he had to stand in the bathtub. They think he used a scope on his rifle, and through a scope, trained on the balcony where King stood, the branches of a tree loom large.

The rifle was powerful and well-made, not a cheap, mail order model. But it was a strange choice. The pump action, experts say, would have cost him seconds to take another shot.

After firing the shot, police believe, the killer walked quickly, but calmly, with his rifle in one hand and his small blue bag in the other down the long dark hallway and down the exit stairs into the late evening sunlight. His car was parked in front of the flophouse.

Normally he could have walked straight out the door and stepped into his car.

Car Too Close

But another automobile had pulled up so close behind his car that he could not squeeze through. He would have to walk around the second car.

He turned left on South Main Street, police think, and when he did he may have seen the three squad cars up the street. He dodged into the show-window area of Canipe Amusements Co. at 424 South Main. He stood there beside a dusty display of old phonograph records and a yellowed sign that said "records 25 cents."

Inside the store, Guy Canipe saw him.

"I saw him drop the rifle, but I didn't go out. If you had seen a man drop a rifle in your doorway, what would you have done?" Canipe went to the back of his store.

The man deposited the rifle and the bag in the doorway and, empty-handed, stepped out to his car and fled, the most wanted man in America.

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MAYOR SPURNED AT KING'S RITES

6,000 Gather In Stadium To Show 'Memphis Cares'

By ERNEST B. FURGURSON
[*Sun Staff Correspondent*]

Memphis, April 7—More than 6,000 persons gathered in Crump Stadium this afternoon to testify that "Memphis cares" enough to right its wrongs in the wake of the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Citizens of the whole metropolitan area, 800,000 of them in all, were invited to this, the largest of the memorial services in the city where Dr. King was assassinated Thursday.

Presence Objected To

But the first citizen of Memphis, Mayor Henry Loeb, was not welcome.

A member of the committee that organized the "Memphis Cares" rally said the Mayor was invited and had accepted but others had then vowed they would not attend in his presence. Thus, it was decided he should not come.

Loeb is at the center of the garbage strike controversy that brought Dr. King to Memphis. He has stood firm against the sanitation workers' request for union recognition and dues check-off.

As the service at the stadium and others in churches across the city were held today, negotiators were still trying to settle the 2-month-old strike under pressure from James Reynolds, the Undersecretary of Labor who was sent here by the Federal Administration.

Investigation "Intensified"

Federal agents also were working with Memphis police in the effort to track down Dr. King's assassin, but officers here said only that the investigation was continuing "at an intensified pace."

Ramsey Clark, Attorney General, said on a television program in Washington that "we know a [illegible] days ago and hope we can show you a picture of exactly what he [the slayer] looked like before too long."

Clark repeated that "we have a very substantial amount of physical evidence." Police here said they did not have FBI reports yet on the rifle found near the crime site and other clues they had sent to laboratories in Washington.

Whites Outnumbered

Negroes outnumbered whites nearly two to one at Crump Stadium. Most of them were dressed in their best, as if they had come there directly from church.

But both races applauded as speakers called for settlement of the strike and derided the local newspapers' coverage of labor and racial affairs. They especially applauded when the speakers called on city councilmen to bypass the mayor and vote to settle the strike despite his stand.

Sirens sounded on streets nearby during the procession of pastors, labor officials and other community leaders. The rally was completed by a fiery talk by the Rev. James Lawson, leader of the Committee on the Move for Equality, which has taken up the strikers' cause.

Called "A Crucifixion"

Mr. Lawson said, "We have witnessed a crucifixion in Memphis just as surely as there was on that hill of Golgotha 2,000 years ago . . . No matter what we do, as long as written history survives, Memphis will be known as the city where Martin Luther King was crucified."

Mere presence at the rally will not constitute repentance for that crime, and repentance is not merely being concerned over whether businesses move away from the city, he declared.

Like the other speakers before him, Mr. Lawson insisted that every citizen of Memphis had to take personal responsibility for improving the lot of others and for showing them love.

There was subdued mention of Dr. King's death at the city's most elegant churches, Calvary Episcopal. At Bellevue Baptist, the minister called it "a dark stain on Memphis and Tennessee." Negro churches devoted much of their services today to Gospel music in Dr. King's memory, and at least two Fundamentalist congregations heard their pastors present thinly veiled anti-Negro sermons.

One preacher reminded his flock that "most of those people wouldn't work if you got them a job tasting in a pie factory."

The most severe test of Memphis's self-control will come tomorrow when a massive memorial march through the city is planned.

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Suspect in King's Killing Is on the Run, Clark Says

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Memphis, April 7—Law enforcement agents have the suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the run, it was revealed here today. Authorities refused to identify the man, but it was hinted that the net was closing in on him.

Confirmation concerning the suspect came today in Washington with an announcement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who said: "There is one man on the run who is a suspect in this killing."

Authorities here refused comment on the manhunt other than to say: "The search has been intensified in the last few hours and looks promising."

Work Around Clock

Ninety Memphis-based FBI men, bolstered by additional agents from nearby areas, have been working around the clock with Memphis police since a sniper's bullet killed Dr. King Thursday evening. King was hit as he stood on the balcony of a small motel in the Negro section of Memphis.

While FBI and police have been tracking down hundreds of leads on the asserted whereabouts of the "hawk-nosed" man, a vital piece of information was received Friday from the Mexican Consulate here.

The consulate called the FBI and told agents that 24 hours before the slaying a man who closely fit the description of the killer applied at the consulate for a visa. Agents have been supplied with his name and other pertinent data and are presently trying to locate him. Today they refused to say if this man was the suspect they seek.

Question About Name

According to sources, the hunted man "does not have a criminal record" and they are not certain the name supplied is his proper one.

The suspect registered as "John Willard" at the cheap lodging house 205 feet away from King's motel. Authorities say they have been checking this name and an additional name in their files both here and in Washington.

Appearing on the television show Meet The Press today, Clark said: "One man is on the run as a suspect in the killing. We have a name we are working on. Whether this is the right name we will have to see."

Clark also said that the trail has lenghtened since Friday, when he announced that the hunt had gone several miles from Memphis and the murder scene. Clark would not say what the particular search areas were.

On a question of who would prosecute the killer when he was captured, Clark said: "the state of Tennessee will handle this prosecution."

Clark said that it still seemed obvious that there was only one man involved in the killing and that it was not a conspiracy. He spoke of the substantial evidence being worked on in the FBI laboratory in Washington.

On the question of the security surrounding King and the killer's escape, Clark said: "It is quite understandable that the killer escaped under the circumstances." He described the killing as "a carefully planned assault," citing the strategically selected location chosen by the killer.

Meanwhile, six thousand national guardsmen, city, state and local police braced themselves today for tomorrow's massive memorial march for King.

About 40,000 mourners from all parts of the nation, including many top political figures and union leaders are expected to participate. It will start at 11 a.m. from the African Methodist Episcopal Clayborn Temple — a Negro church—winding through the streets of Memphis. The march is expected to last six hours.

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DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY A U. S. AIR FORCE PLANE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE THOSE DIPLOMATS WHO INDICATED THEY WANTED TO GO FROM WASHINGTON OR FROM NEW YORK. ALTHOUGH A LIST WAS NOT AVAILABLE LATE TODAY, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD MOST OF THE DIPLOMATS WOULD BE FROM AFRICA.

OTHERS REPORTED TO BE PLANNING TO FLY IN THE GROUP WERE DR. GUILLERMO SEVILLA-SACASA, AMBASSADOR OF NICARAGUA AND DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN WASHINGTON, AND SIR PATRICK DEAN, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

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Mrs. King Informed At Atlanta Airport; Police Guard Home

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Mrs. King, who has been recuperating from major surgery, emerged from a waiting room where she was told of her husband's death, tears streaming down her face.

The widow of the civil rights leader was then driven back to her home by Mayor Ivan Allen, who had taken her and her two eldest children to the airport when word was first been shot.

Mrs. King, a slender attractive woman, had lived with the threat of death for her husband.

After he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, she said, "I have lived with the threat of death always present."

Since 1954, when Dr. King began preaching nonviolence as a tactic in fighting segregation, he has been jailed numerous times, stabbed once, threatened often and was in his home with his wife and their first child in Montgomery, Ala., when it was rocked by a bomb blast.

Mrs. King, a former voice instructor, has sung at concerts for numerous civil rights has accompanied her husband on his trips in the fight for civil rights.

Two police cars, with Negro policemen, guarded the King home tonight. Only a scattering of people were around, a few, who said they were neighbors, cried softly.

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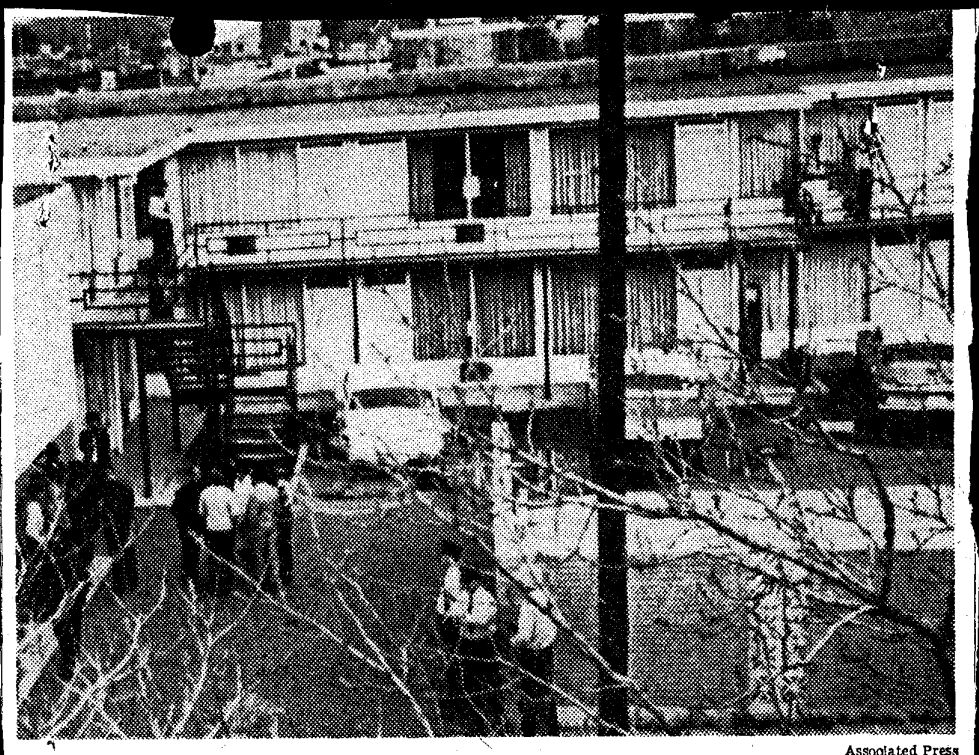

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ASSASSINATION SCENE: Policemen standing guard around the Lorraine Motel in Memphis where Dr. King was slain yesterday evening. He was leaning over the railing on the second-floor balcony, talking to a friend in parking lot below, when he was shot.

United Press International

WIDOW: Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. being assisted from a car at her home in Atlanta less than an hour after hearing of the shooting of her husband at a motel in Memphis.

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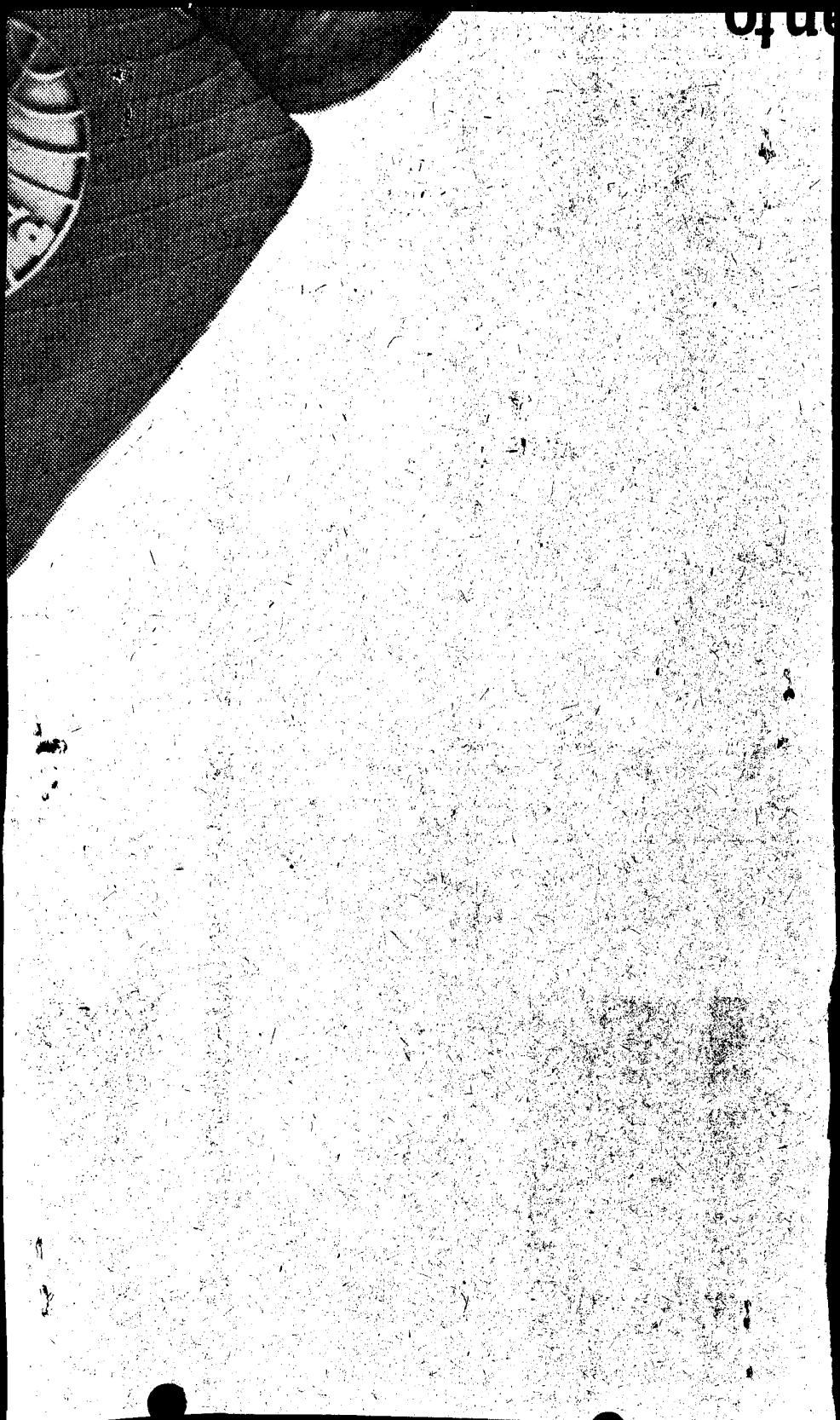

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LEADERS CALLED FOR CALM. SOME IN CONGRESS SAID OPEN HOUSING LEGISLATION SHOULD NOW BE PASSED AS A MEMORIAL TO THE MAN WHO MARCHED FOR IT.

A $250-A-PLATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUND RAISING DINNER BROKE UP EARLY, ITS THOUSANDS OF GUESTS LEAVING THE SPARKLING BALLROOM IN THE WASHINGTON HILTON IN SILENCE AND DISBELIEF.

DR. KING, SAID HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN MCCORMACK, D-MASS., "WAS A MARTYR TO A CAUSE--AND THAT CAUSE WILL BE STRENGTHENED IF THE HOUSE CONCURS IN THE SENATE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL."

THE BILL, ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE EARLIER THIS YEAR, WOULD OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE OR RENTAL OF 68 PER CENT OF THE NATION'S HOUSING. IT ALSO WOULD MAKE CIVIL RIGHTS MURDERS--SUCH AS KING'S -- A FEDERAL CRIME.

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"VIOLENCE," SAID SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND, D-MINN., "IS TO BE DEPLORED. IT DOES NOT SOLVE ANYTHING."
"VIOLENCE," SAID REP. HALE BOGG, D-LA., "HAS NO PLACE IN AMERICA. ANYWHERE. BY ANYBODY."
"I ONLY REGRET THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE IN OUR NATION TO FULLY PROTECT ANY CITIZEN IN HIS RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR AND ADVOCATE THE DICTATES OF HIS CONSCIENCE," SAID SEN. RUSSELL B. LONG, D-LA.
"I WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT CRIMINAL CONDUCT AND LAWLESSNESS ON THE PART OF SOME DOES NOT STIR UP MORE OF THE SAME (IN NEGRO COMMUNITIES).
"UNFORTUNATELY," LONG SAI , "MEN WHO HAVE STRONG BELIEFS AND A GREAT FOLLOWING ARE USUALLY ENDANGERED FOR THEIR LIVES, WHETHER THAT MAN BE A PRESIDENT, A MAN IN PUBLIC LIFE OR THE LEADER OF A CAUSE."
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, PALE AND SOMBER, INTERRUPTED THE DEMOCRATIC DINNER FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT "SHOULD NOT WAIT." HE TOLD THE DINERS, WHO ALREADY WERE AWARE THAT KING HAD BEEN SHOT, THAT "ONE OF THIS NATION'S MOST RENOWNED AND RESPECTED LEADERS IN CIVIL RIGHTS HAS BEEN STRIKEN DOWN BY AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET."
"MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS BEEN SHOT AND HE IS DEAD."
SEN. EDWARD W. BROOKE, R-MASS., THE ONLY NEGRO IN THE SENATE, SAID THIS:
"THE CRIME IS UNSPEAKEABLE. THE GRIEF IS UNBEARABLE.
"IN OUR ANGUISH AND BITTERNESS OVER THIS AWFUL EVENT, WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MEANING OF THIS GREAT MAN'S LIFE...

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"THE SAVAGE ACT OF HIS ASSASSIN MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO OVERSHADOW THE HIGHER VISION WHICH MARTIN LUTHER KING SHARED WITH US ALL... THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ENORMOUS LOVE MUST CARRY US THROUGH THESE DAYS OF TORMENT AND LIFT US ABOVE THE STRIFE WHICH HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO END."

SEN. FRANK CHURCH, D-IDAHO, SAID, "WE ARE STEEPED IN VIOLENCE; IT IS THE CURSE OF THE LAND."

FEAR THAT VIOLENCE WOULD RESULT FROM THE EVENT IN MEMPHIS WAS EXPRESSED BY REP. JAMES O'HARA, D-MICH. "IT HAS A PORTENT OF EVIL AND TURMOIL," HE SAID. "I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.

"MORE IS INVOLVED IN THE TRAGEDY THAN THE DEATH OF A SINGLE MAN," HE SAID. "THIS INVOLVES THE FUTURE OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM--WHEN ASSASSINATION BECOMES THE ORDER OF THE DAY. OUR SYSTEM CAN'T SURVIVE VERY MUCH OF IT."

REP. ROMAN PUCINSKI, D-ILL., ALSO HOPED THE NATION WOULD REMAIN CALM. THE SHOOTING, HE SAID, WAS OBVIOUSLY THE WORK "OF ONE SICK MAN."

"A TRAGIC AND SENSELESS MURDER," SAID SEN. CLIFFORD P. CASE, R-N.J.. "IT IS A BITTER THING FOR ALL AMERICANS THAT HIS DREAM OF AMERICA SHOULD BE SHATTERED BY A COWARD'S BULLET."

THE NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION CALLED "UPON STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO JOIN IN A DAY OF MOURNING FOR DR. KING'S TRAGIC DEATH.

"WE FURTHER PLEDGE INCREASED EFFORTS TO COMBAT WHITE RACISM IN THE UNITED STATES," THE STUDENT GROUP SAID.

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER GERALD FORD, MICH., SAID KING'S DEATH "SHOULD MAKE ALL AMERICANS FEEL ASHAMED BECAUSE IT IS A TRAVESTY ON EVERYTHING AMERICA STANDS FOR."

SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., WAS CAMPAIGNING IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION WHEN THE NEWS ARRIVED. ADDRESSING A GROUP OF UNION LEADERS IN A HOTEL, HE ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE, THEN WENT TO HIS OWN ROOM.

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"HE WAS KILLED WHILE AIDING STRIKING MEMBERS OF AN AFL-CIO UNION IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY. THAT IS HOW DR. KING SPENT HIS ENTIRE LIFE -- AT THE SIDE OF THE MOST OPPRESSED IN THIS NATION. HE DIED IN THAT STRUGGLE AND ALL WHO CHERISH HUMAN DIGNITY MOURN TONIGHT."

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King Assassination in Memphis

Police Push Search for White Man

By HAYNES JOHNSON
Star Staff Writer

MEMPHIS — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Negro minister who preached nonviolence and reconciliation of the races, is dead, the victim of a white assassin.

His murder last night touched off a wave of violence throughout America and plunged the state of race relations to a new low of hostility and anxiety.

Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation launched a major manhunt for King's assassin and President Johnson called Negro leaders to the White House today for a conference on the situation.

Sorrowful King aides said plans would proceed for a massive nonviolent demonstration in Memphis Monday in behalf of striking sanitation workers. A similar demonstration, led by King, had resulted in violence last week.

King's funeral probably will be held in his home town of Atlanta on Tuesday, his aides said.

'We're Going Ahead'

"We're going ahead with everything Dr. King planned—and more besides," said Hosea Williams, one of King's most trusted lieutenants.

Williams, speaking in choked tones, said King's death had not diminished his followers' belief in the principle of nonviolence "any more than the crucifixion of Christ." He did say, however, he feared King's death might "signal the beginning of the downfall of this nation."

King was shot about 6:55 p.m. (Washington time) as he stood on a second floor balcony at the

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Lorraine Motel, a few blocks from the Mississippi River.

One shot was fired from a .30-.06 Remington pump rifle with a telescopic sight, police said. The bullet entered the lower right side of King's face and he fell to the concrete, never to regain consciousness.

Within 30 minutes of the shooting he was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was 39 years old.

Police and the FBI are looking for a white assailant who "simply faded" away, in the words of Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman.

Police described the assassin as between 26 and 32 years old, about 6 feet tall, weighing between 165 and 175 pounds with dark hair and a ruddy complexion. He was said to be wearing a business suit.

Man Seen Running

After the shot was fired, the white man was seen running from what police described as a "flophouse" next to the Canipe Amusement Co. and facing King's motel.

As he fled, the suspect discarded a rifle and a suitcase, police said. One witness told police he saw the man drive away in a white Mustang. The car was said to bear no inspection sticker and no front tags — indicating it may have come from out of state.

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The rifle was flown to Washington and was undergoing laboratory tests by the FBI.

The fatal shot was fired from several hundred feet away from a communal bathroom in the "flophouse," police said. One report put the distance at 205 feet.

The trajectory of the bullet carried over some thick underbrush and a concrete wall, over a swimming pool in the motel patio to the second-floor balcony to where King was standing.

Conferred With Aides

King had returned to Memphis Wednesday to plan for Monday's demonstration. Throughout the day yesterday, he had awaited reports from his lawyers, who are contesting an injunction filed against the march in the federal court here.

Late yesterday afternoon King began conferring with his principal aides about their plans. The meeting ended about dusk, with his assistants leaving and King walking outside his motel room — Number 306 — with them. He was planning to attend a mass meeting later in the evening.

One of King's assistants, the Rev. Billy Kyles, told of the shooting.

"I heard what sounded like a firecracker," he said. "Real loud. Then I heard someone say 'Oh Lord!" The bullet had torn away his necktie and the right side of his face and jaw."

Another of King's co-workers in the Southern Christian Leadership Confenence, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, summed up a common reaction:

Was Standing by King

"The white peoples' best friend is dead."

Jackson, who was standing beside King, said the civil right leader's only utterance after the shot was, "Oh!"

Jackson said King saw him standing with Ben Branch, a musician who was to play at a rally a few hours later, UPI reported.

He asked Branch to play "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

"I really want you to play it tonight," King said, according to Jackson.

Then he told his chauffeur, Solomon Jones Jr., to start their car. "I said, 'It's cold outside, Dr. King, put your topcoat on,'" Jones recalled.

"And he said, 'Okay, I will,' and smiled. Those were his last words."

Sheriff William Morris told the AP: "the back window of this flop-house faced the front of the motel in which Dr. King was staying. We feel the assassin crouched in a second-floor window, sighted through some trees and fired the shot that killed Dr. King.

"He got a straight shot," Morris said. "King was standing on the second floor, leaning over a railing in front of his room. He was talking to two men on the ground. When the shot hit him, it knocked him backward. Officers heard the shot."

Holloman said one of the 30 to 40 officers on duty in the vicinity of the motel saw the bullet strike King, and all immediately converged on the scene.

After the shooting, Holloman said, the assassin left the building through the front door—on the opposite side from the motel where King lay mortally wounded—discarded his weapon and suitcase two doorways away, and fled in the car.

Holloman refused to disclose the name the man had signed on the register of the hotel, but said "certain evidence has been found."

Sporadic Looting

Within an hour after King's death acts of violence and looting had been triggered in a score of cities throughout the country. In Memphis itself, there was sporadic looting and one Negro was shot by police after the officers said the man opened fire on them when he was seen looting a liquor store.

Memphis, a normally placid city on the Mississippi, had been under considerable tension since King's march and subsequent looting last week. At that time, the National Guard was sent into the city to maintain order.

Last night, the Guard again was dispatched to Memphis, although the city had escaped any serious incidents of violence.

By 4:30 a.m. Memphis wore the look of a ghost city.

The streets were deserted. Not a car or policeman or even a guardsman could be seen in the downtown section.

Every now and then, the silence would be broken by the clatter of armored personnel carriers moving up and down the streets.

Memphis remained still as the day broke and the night-long curfew ended. Restrictions still remain in effect against the sale of liquor during the day, however.

Reaction Immediate

Reaction to the news of King's death came immediately from around the world. In Washington, President Johnson and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey led the nation in paying tribute to King.

Later it was announced that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was chartering a plane to fly King's widow to Memphis from Atlanta today to take the body home. Although Kennedy himself was not expected to make the trip, a former high-ranking aide in the Kennedy administration, Burke Marshall, was flying to Memphis to meet her when her plane landed here.

Dr. Paul Hess, assistant St. Joseph's Hospital administrator, said King "received a gunshot wound on the right side of the neck, at the root of the neck, a gaping wound." He said doctors did "everything humanly possible" to save him.

Mayor Helps Mrs. King

Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen rushed to King's home when he heard the news and drove Mrs. King to the airport. But while waiting for a plane to Memphis, word came that King was dead and the mayor took Mrs. King back home to her four children.

King died in the same emergency room where James Meredith was taken after he was shot from ambush at Hernando, Miss., a few miles south of Memphis, in 1965. Meredith was not seriously injured, but King and other civil rights leaders picked up his march from Memphis to Jackson, Miss.

King was the first major civil rights leader to be assassinated since Medgar Evers, head of the Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was slain by a sniper in 1962.

King's death came at a time when he was struggling to maintain his leadership among Negroes who were increasingly torn between advocates of more militant action and the more moderate nonviolent course King espoused.

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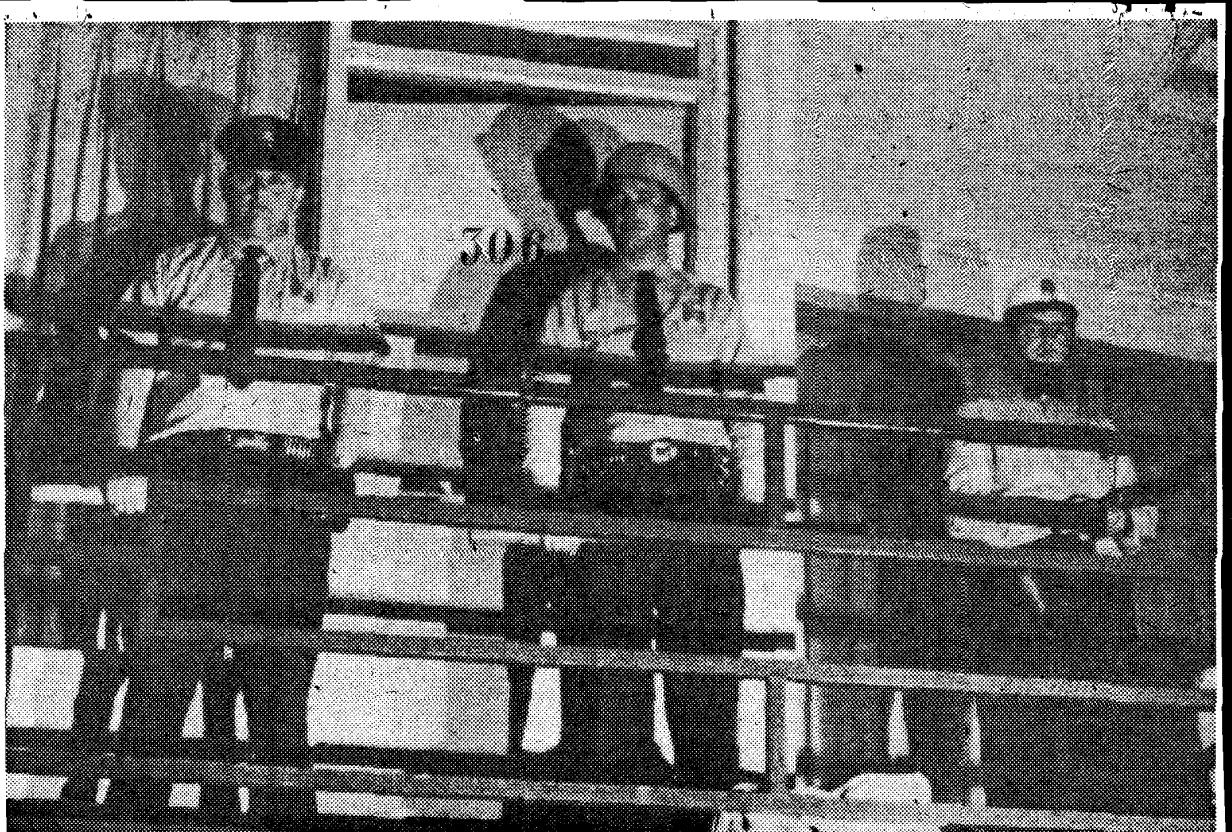

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Memphis police guard the motel balcony where King was standing when he was slain.

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Party to Push for Unity

By GEORGE SHERMAN
Star Staff Writer

OTTAWA — Retiring Prime inister Lester B. Pearson, in emotional farewell, has chalged his ruling Liberal party renew itself in the struggle to eserve Canadian unity.

"Liberalism must adapt itself changing conditions. Liberalm must help Canada to come terms with the new age. If it es not it will cease to have uch relevance to the issues d the people of 1968," Pearson ld 8,000 followers packed into e Civic Center here last night.

Tomorrow the 2,481 party deleates among this leadership nvention will elect a new leadwho, under the Canadian parmentary system, automatically ecomes prime minister until ew national elections.

Last night it was a sentimenl valedictory filled with remiiscing about a long career hich earned the 71-year-old earson the Nobel Peace Prize 1956 as foreign minister and im prime minister for the last ve years.

Sees Work as Done

"My work as your leader is ow finished, my stewardship is t an end. I wish I could have better. Perhaps I am fortufront runner in the race to succeed Pearson.

Pearson has taken a strictly hands-off attitude toward the contest. But the 46-year old Trudeau, a French-Canadian intellectual who was brought into Canadian politics only three years ago, is widely considered Pearson's protege and chief architect of his project for constitutional reform.

In a series of workshop seminars yesterday, during which the eight major candidates spelled out their views for delegates, Trudeau hit hard at the theme of renewing the whole party structure for the challenge of change. This was the same theme Pearson took up last night.

Despite much private talk of a "stop Trudeau" move among the second, third and fourth ranking contenders, the Trudeau bandwagon has maintained its momentum. Everywhere he moves Trudeau is surrounded by enthusiastic admirers and hordes of TV cameramen and reporters. His workshop appearances drew the largest crowds.

Many Uncommitted

Nevertheless many delegates, who will vote in secret for the leader, maintain they are un-

By United Press International

Former baseball star Jackie Robinson blames white news media for dramatizing such black power advocates as Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown to "build up white hostility."

He made the statement to reporters yesterday while here to be installed as chairman of a committee backing legislation before Congress to set up a commission on Negro history and culture.

Carmichael's name came up when Robinson was asked whether the Negro militant, now based in Washington, should be considered for membership on the commission.

"How old is Carmichael?" Robinson said. "Twenty-six? I don't think he is old enough and knows enough to be on the commission." He added: "Stokely Carmichael has been projected by the white news media, and I think often purposely, to dramatize the extremists and build up white hostility.

"The white press made Carmichael, not the Negroes."

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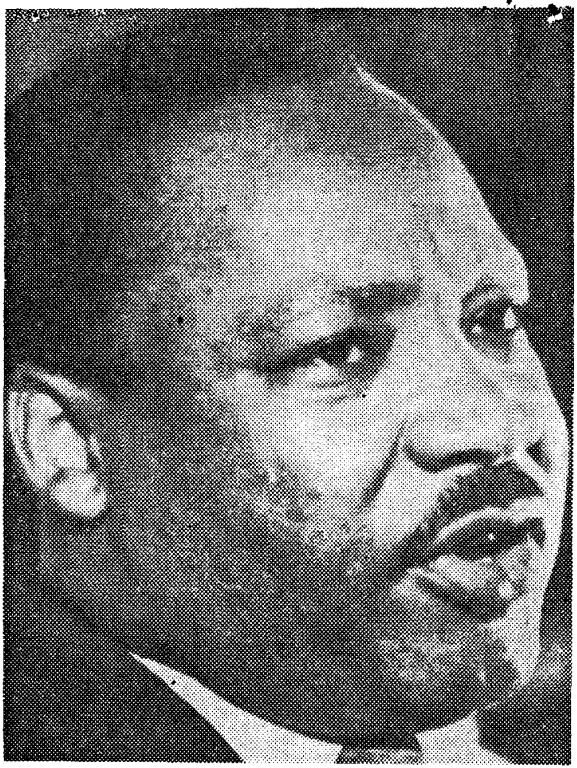

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Mrs. King: 'It's God's Will'

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — "I do think it's the will of God," said Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. a few hours after the death of her husband. "We always knew this could happen."

Mrs. King was in seclusion at her home last night, receiving only a few close friends. Outside, friends and relatives greeted the streams of mourners, who passed 15 policemen guarding the house.

The attractive 41-year-old wife of the civil rights leader was composed but dazed. She wept occasionally and accepted a few phone calls, one from President Johnson.

Mrs. King, who is recuperating from major surgery, reclined on her bed watching television reruns of high moments in her husband's life. She was clad in a rose-colored robe.

A half dozen women were in the room with her and the Kings' eldest daughter, Yolanda, 12, in pajamas and a robe and with her hair in curlers, lay on the floor, watching.

Mrs. King wept softly when her husband's voice rang out, in a rerun of a speech he made only Wednesday night in Memphis, "I am not afraid ... blessed is the name of the Lord." The room was silent as King moved across the screen in his historic Selma march and made his famed "I have a dream . . ." speech in Washington.

She wept again as he said on television, "My personal life is of no consequence in this fight. My philosophy is what is important . . ."

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. had driven her and her two eldest children, Yolanda and Martin Luther King III, 10, to the Atlanta airport for a flight to Memphis. When he received word that King had been shot, Allen took Mrs. King into a waiting room.

Then came word that Dr. King was dead. She emerged weeping. He then drove her back home.

—Associated Press

Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. after hearing of her husband's death.

In Indianapolis, a spokesman for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said Kennedy had chartered a plane to take the King family to Memphis today and return the body to Atlanta.

Mrs. King requested that the plane be chartered after Kennedy telephoned to ask if he could assist her, the spokesman said.

Mrs. King had long lived with the threat of danger to her husband.

"We have lived with the threat of death always present," she said after her husband received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Since 1954, when King began preaching non-violence as a tactic in fighting segregation, she had seen him jailed numerous times, seriously stabbed once, and often threatened. She was with him in 1956 at Montgomery, Ala., with their first child, when their home was rocked by a bomb blast.

Of the effects on her four children, she once said:

"I've tried to give them an understanding that their daddy is trying to help people. The two older ones understand. They take great pride and accept the dangers quite well.

"We all realize that something could happen. If it does happen, I think it will be the will of God. If it does, it would be a great way to give oneself to a great cause.

"But I pray to God nothing happens."

King's father, Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., was too distraught to attend a prayer service for his son at the Ebenezer Baptist Church here, where he is pastor.

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